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LATERAL OXIDATION BARRIER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification, without prejudice or disclaimer, as indicated below:

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Please add the following paragraph at page 1, line 3:

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional application of co-pending Patent Application No. 09/457,303, entitled, "Conductive Element with Lateral Oxidation Barrier," filed on December 9, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,269,109, entitled, "Conductive Element